

# Village of INDIAN POINT

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## Smoke Signals

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### Calendar of Events— May, 2004

**May 3—Noon**  
**Police & Safety Mtg—**  
**Village Office**

**May 5—2:00 p.m.**  
**Board of Public Works**  
**Mtg**

**May 6—6:45 p.m.**  
**Public Hearing**

**May 6—7:00 p.m.**  
**Planning & Zoning Mtg**

**May 11—7:00 p.m.**  
**Trustees Mtg**

**May 17—6:30 p.m.**  
**Board of Public Works**  
**Forum—Bradford on the**  
**Lake Meeting Room**

**Note: All meetings are**  
**held in the Treehouse**  
**Condo Club Room unless**  
**noted otherwise**

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## Trustees Elect Officers

At the April 13th Trustees meeting, the following business was conducted:

New Trustees Kim Bonham, Greg Fier and J C Zalog were sworn in and the following were elected officers for one year: Chair, J C Zalog; Vice Chair, Jim Daily; and Secretary/Treasurer, Brett Stump.

Signatures for all disbursements and bank transactions were approved as follows: Chair—Vice Chair—Secretary/Treasurer—Village Superintendent.

Minutes for the March meeting were approved as written.

The March financials were reviewed and filed for audit.

Discussion was held regarding the deer population in the Village and the issue was given to the Police & Safety Advisory Committee for their review.

*Smoke Signals* will be handled by the Village Superintendent and a policy for our web site maintenance will be presented at the May meeting.

Discussions were held regarding our internet provider and the Superintendent was instructed to secure quotes from Century-Tel and Cox Communications for high speed internet service.

Insurance bids from three companies (Studer Insurance; Akers & Arney; and Connell Insurors) for the

Village were reviewed and a decision will be made at the May meeting.

Committee member appointments for Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustments was tabled.

The Enchanted Forest renewal agreement was approved beginning April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005.

Ordinance 04-05, Bill #82 establishing the collection of additional court costs through Stone County for violation of Village ordinances was approved on the first and second readings.

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## Board of Public Works Forum

The Board of Public Works will be hosting a forum to answer questions on the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board of Public Works

The forum will be held on Monday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room at Bradford on the Lake.

Copies of the Rules and Regulations may be purchased at the forum for a minimal cost of \$2.50 or download a set at no cost from the web site at <http://indianpoint-mo.gov>.

For more information on the Board of Public Works, turn to page 4.

## Indian Point Police Report— March, 2004

Calls for Service	6
Traffic Stops	10
Other Arrest	1
Asst Other Agency	2
Motor Vehicle Collision	1
Motorist Assists	3
Times Called Out	3

## TRUSTEES ELECT OFFICERS

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### Committee Reports

**Police & Safety Advisory Committee**  
Brett Stump reported that the committee reviewed information on Taser Guns to be used by the police department and a training class will be attended by Frank Miller.

**Planning & Zoning Commission**  
Greg Maycock reported that a variance request was granted for underground setbacks for a new wastewater treatment system for a single family residence in Heidler's Laz-E-Daz subdivision.

**Board of Public Works**  
Greg Maycock reported that the BPW granted an application for a

new wastewater treatment system in Heidler's Laz-E-Daz subdivision.

**Roads** — Jim Daily reported that one bid had been received for striping on Indian Point Road, but others will be forthcoming. He also reported that he is seeking bids on road work for the Village.

**CAAD** — Kent Turner reported on the community building and asked the Trustees for a revenue analysis report for the past ten years.

Jan Hoynacki reported on the Transportation Coalition meeting that was held in March. Jan highlighted some of the projects that have been completed or started since the inception of the Coalition: striping renewed from 76 to the Village limits; better signage from Silver Dollar City to handle traffic flow; and the 76 is now being wid-

ened and resurfaced by MODOT.

Comments from the floor were:

Information regarding the neighborhood watch program as to when it will be started

Concerns were stated regarding dock patrols for the businesses

Monthly police reports

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

*Copies of the actual minutes of the meeting are in the Village office. If you would like a copy, the cost is \$2.50 per month and the proper forms are available in the office to receive a copy or download the minutes from the website at no charge!*

## Recycling of Aluminum

by Betty Fier

A survey was recently completed by businesses located in the Village to find out if they would participate in a pilot program for recycling aluminum. The results were favorable to begin recycling aluminum as soon as all details can be ironed out. Many area residents have also shown an interest in participating in this program as well.

Long range plans for recycling other materials, such as #1 and #2 plastics, newspaper, tin cans, and glass are also being planned.

Our Village is now represented each month at the Southwest Missouri Solid Waste Management District meetings held in Marionville by two area residents interested in this project, Pat Turner and Betty Fier.

The program will be operated solely by volunteers —so if you would be willing to help with this endeavor or have ideas you wish to share, please

contact Betty Fier at 263-0436.

*"Many area residents have also shown an interest in participating..."*

## COMMUNITY BUILDING

At a community pot-luck dinner last fall, residents gave their ideas as to what functions and activities they would like to see in our new building. Since that time, a committee consisting of Doug Battaglia, Kent Turner, Kim Bonham and Kathy Isaacs have met and developed a program of uses for the building. The Village recently advertised a

Request for Proposal for architects and the committee interviewed those responding. By the time this issue is delivered, the Trustees will have selected an architectural firm to work with the committee to finalize the plans. In the meantime, a consultant has been retained by the Trustees to research and apply for appropriate grants or other funding.

## OFFICE STAFF/ HOURS

The Village has hired Char Cavalier who will be attending meetings to take and transcribe the minutes. Char has been a valuable asset to the staff and we welcome her.

Village Hours:

Monday—Thursday: 8:30 am—4:30 pm  
Friday: 8:30 am—3:30 pm

## Indian Point Bass Fishing Contest

In an effort to increase our spring tourism business, the Marketing Committee of the Indian Point Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a unique bass fishing contest.

The contest runs from March 1st through May 31st, has no entry fee, and is open to anyone staying at a participating resort for two nights or more. Participants must weigh in their largest bass at the Indian Point Marina during their stay in the Village. The prize for the angler with the largest

bass is \$1,000. The second place finisher will receive \$750.00, and additional cash and merchandise prizes are being offered for other qualifying participants.

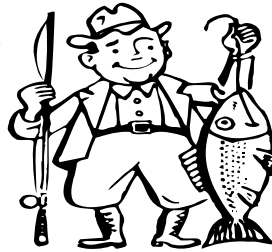
If you have friends who will be staying here this spring, tell them about this fun contest.

**We all benefit because—**

**The more business Indian Point has,**

**the more sales tax revenue is generated for services in the Village!**

For a list of participating resorts, rules and additional information, visit



**Fishing Contest  
March 1, 2004 to May 31, 2004—  
\$1,000 First Place Prize**

## A Little Bit of Nostalgia Local Critters

By Arno Wehr II

Our little peninsula has a wealth of stories about local animal residents. Here are some to share with the kids.

We had several white deer at Rock Lane's dock area. One day Lowell Pearce, the dock manager was walking in a fog toward the dock. The visibility was nil and Lowell saw two eyes and a nose loom out of the fog and stare at him face to face. It was a white ten point buck! Both Lowell and the buck got pretty scared. Lowell spent the rest of the day calling everyone he knew about the encounter.

Because of fox furs being very valuable, trappers harvested our local red and grey fox. This caused an explosive growth in skunks. Skunks tend not to squirt unless threatened. Their keen sense of smell directed them to resort patio barbecues and even into resort and motel units. Even a bear is afraid of a skunk!

Skunks also live a long time and take residence in a given territory. A white skunk loved to visit Indian Point Campground where campers fed it. Sammy, a resident of Tribesman, was taken for a cat at night and was even petted while sitting under a patio chair. That was a surprise and a half! Granny Kipper's son Bill made a little money as a skunk trapper but it wasn't until the foxes returned that the population subsided. Unlike bears, foxes are not afraid of skunks. They have them on their menu.

Speaking of bears, a call came to the local deputies that a bear was in the campground dumpster. We knew that a small black bear lived on Indian Point, but dumpster diving could lead to human confrontation. Out the deputies came only to find not a bear, but an EMU! Bravely the two men approached to apprehend big bird only to find out Emus are mean and nasty. The critter pecked, scratched, kicked

and chased the two deputies back to their vehicle. They were asked by the dispatcher what was going on and they explained they had to seek medical attention because a big bird beat them up and ran off.

In the future, we'll have more local critter stories to tell. But I'll close

*two eyes and a nose  
loomed out of the fog  
and stared at him face  
to face*

with a favorite—One late May moonlit evening, Jim Fullerton at White Wing heard a baby cry across the bay on Compton Ridge. Jim couldn't believe it. He rowed across the bay to rescue the abandoned

child. On shore he found that the crying also moved around pretty fast through the woods. After a bit Jim realized it was a strange event.

The next day he learned bobcats cry like babies!

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Indian Point Police call

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Non Emergency:

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**paid by visitors and not**  
**residents!**

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## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

After many years of research and planning, the Village adopted an innovative wastewater ordinance on January 13, 2004. This is a new approach to addressing wastewater treatment in a hilly, rocky area such as ours. Instead of having one central plant, which was determined to be far too expensive, the ordinance allows for Village oversight of several types of plants in various logical locations, each designed to serve the particular needs of the specific location. This will eliminate the need for a cost central collection system (pumping sewage up and down our mountains) to a central plant that may be miles away. Types of plants will also vary and can range in size from facilities designed to serve a neighborhood or large development, to smaller systems for a cluster of houses, to plants for a single family residence. Traditional septic tank/lateral sys-

tems will have to be replaced within ten years. We simply don't have enough soil to allow these systems to work properly. The wastewater discharge from these systems goes down to the first layer of rock then travels under or over the ground and either ends up in the lake (polluting the water) or underground where in many cases it is polluting our potable (drinking) water supply.

The Trustees appointed the following to serve on the newly formed Board of Public Works: Greg Maycock, 4 years; Bert Leman, 3 years; Kent Turner, 2 years; and Arno Wehr II, one year. The BPW adopted a set of Rules and Regulations effective March 10, 2004. The BPW has already received a complaint about a septic system leaching onto adjoining properties. The BPW met with the home owners

and their installer and agreed on an advanced system that injects air which greatly improves the cleaning of the water before it enters the lateral field. This plant will be built for about the same cost of a traditional septic/lateral system and could serve up to 3 or 4 single family residences if the neighbors are willing to hook on and share the cost. This would bring the cost per household down to a fraction of the cost of each house having their own system. The system will be inspected twice each year at a nominal cost and cleaned or pumped if necessary. Larger plants are being designed to serve areas that may include a combination of residences and businesses. To be fair, in cases where a plant will serve more than one user, the cost to each participant will be in proportion to their actual usage.

Come to the BPW forum and hear more. You are encouraged to ask questions!